

A prepared statement is featured below, and I agree with every point. However, this situation breaks down very easily to any fair-minded person. Airing ONLY ONE partisan piece on public airwaves days before a heated election is simply UNACCEPTABLE. It is not defensible in any way. If Sinclair Broadcasting chose to air a second, equally partisan piece on the other candidate (after all, there are many acclaimed films that portray George W. Bush in a negative light, and still others about actions that the Republican party took to disenfranchise Florida voters in the 2000 election!), they might have a leg to stand on. But this action is a naked attempt to unfairly sway voters without presenting both sides of the candidates, the issues and this campaign. It REEKS of disrespect. Please step in and stop this disaster from happening.
Lainie Castle-Cimfel

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.